

State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Dairy 2014



- Mississippi has 95 Grade A dairy herds.
- 13,000 milk cows in 2014.
- \$45 million value of production of milk in 2014.
- A typical Mississippi dairy herd has 121 cows.
- The main breed of dairy cows is Holstein.
- Cows are milked at least twice a day using sanitary milking machines.
- The calcium content of fluid milk is:
 - 291mg. 8 oz. whole milk
 - 297mg. 8 oz. 2% milk
 - 302 mg. 8 oz. skim milk
- Consumers continue to get more value for money spent on milk and milk products, while receiving a significant amount of vitamins, minerals, and nutrients.
- Dairy cows provide 90% of the world's milk.
- Annual milk consumption in the U.S. averages 20 gallons per person.
- Milk is the only crop that is harvested daily.
- Most cows average about 70 lbs. of milk per day, which is about 8 gallons.
- Dairy products are the primary source of calcium in the American diet, accounting for 76% of the calcium in food.
- It takes 21.2 pounds of whole milk to make one pound of butter; 12 pounds to make one gallon of ice cream; and 10 pounds to make a pound of cheese.

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